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B. A. RUNOV ON JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE FOR

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- 1. IZVESTIYA OF JANUARY 7, CARRIED A TWO COLUMN INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE B. A. RUNOV ENTITLED "USSR-US COOPERATION ON LAND." THE ARTICLE RECAPITULATES THE FAVORABLE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THAT PREVAILED DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE AS WELL AS METHODOLOGY FOR CARRYING OUT AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION.
- 2. ALTHOUGH THE INTERVIEW IS BASICALLY A FACTUAL REPORT, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT RUNOV IS TRYING TO IMPRESS THE INTERVIEWER AND THE READER THAT SOVIET AGRICULTURE NOT ONLY STANDS TO GAIN FROM THIS EXCHANGE BUT ALSO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO US AGRICULTURE. HE POINTS OUT THATUS SCIENTISTS WERE INTERESTED IN A NUMBER OF SOVIET ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- AMONG THOSE MENTIONED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE SOME WHEAT VARIETIES, HIGH OIL YIELDING SUNFLOWER SEEDS,

CONSTRUCTION AND ORGANIZATION OF HUGE 100,000 HEAD HOG FARMS COMPLEXES AND SURPRISINGLY THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE SOVIET STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS. HE REASSURES THE INTERVIEWER THAT QUESTIONS BY US REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS WERE "BY NO MEANS BECAUSE OF IDLE CURIOSITY" BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING US INDIVIDUAL FARMS THAT FIND IT DIFF ULT TO COMPETE WITH ALL SORTS OF AMALGA-MATED AND CORPORATE FARMS. THE SOVIETS, HE SAID, HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM US KNOW-HOW IN THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF LARGE CORPORATIONS, HIGHLY MECHANIZED COMPANIES WHERE THE PROCESSES OF PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING FORM ONE COMPLEX UNIT. THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN US WILT RESISTANT COTTON, SHORT STRAW (DRAFT VARIETIES) WHEAT AS WELL AS LARGE SCALE BEEF-FEED LOT COMPLEXED. US BREEDING CATTLE, ESPECIALLY MEAT VARIETIES, ARE ALSO HIGH ON THE SOVIET LIST. SOMMERLATTE

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